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THE HUMBLE  
PETITION  
OF THE INHABI-  
TANTS OF THE  
County of OXFORD  
to His MAJESTY.

WITH  
*HIS MAIESTIES*  
Answer thereunto.

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# TO THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

The humble Petition of Your MAJESTIES  
most Loyall and Obedient Subjects, the  
Inhabitants of the County of OXON.

Most humbly sheweth,



*That Your Petitioners (out of their  
desire to manifest their Loyall and  
bearty affection and duty to Your  
Majesty ) having undertaken to  
supply Your Majesty with the  
weekly loane of 1176. pounds for the  
provision of seven and twenty Troopes of Your Ma-  
jesties Horses, and one company of Dragoones, bil-  
lited in this County; according to an agreement made*

betwixt Your Majesty and Your Petitioners, the twenty first of December last, and according to an Explanation thereof made the 11. of January following; Which agreement Your Petitioners (though the burthen be very great) are willing on their part to performe; the true intention thereof being (as Your Petitioners doe humbly conceive) that no more Horses or Dragoones should be billited in this County, then were specified in the said agreement; And to that end, by an Explanation of the said Agreement made the eleventh of January, there are diverse Receivers nominated for the severall hundreds of this County, with directions given them, to what officers, and for what Regiments, the said Receivors should pay the monyes within their severall Collections.

Now, Forasmuch as diverse Troopes of Horse & Dragoones, before that time were, & still are billited in this County, more then the number contracted for (whereunto Your Petitioners, contrary to the Explanation of the 11<sup>th</sup> of January, are compelled without any pay at all) insomuch as the provisions of the Country are already so farre spent, that Your Petitioners can neither be able to performe their Agreement with Your Majesty, nor provide for such cattell of their owne, as are necessarily required for their  
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husbandry and tillage (the losse whereof is the undoing of the Country,) unlesse they be presently eased.

And forasmuch as there is no Receivor-generall appointed, from whom, such persons (and many there are) who billet more souldiers, or send in more provisions then their Contribution & Loane amounteth unto, may expect satisfaction, according to the rates and prises agreed on in Print.

Your Petitioners do therefore most humbly beseech Your Majesty, that all the supernumerary Troopes of Horse and Dragoones may be speedily removed, and Quartered in some other Counties. And that the now High-Sheriffe of this County, or some other Person of Quality and Estate amongst us, may be by Your Majesty appoynted Receivor-generall of the said Weekly loane; And that the particular Receivors, nominated in the Printed book, may forthwith pay all such monies as they have already received, and may once every Week, (or Fortnight at the farthest) pay what more they shall receive, and therewith deliver in all Tickets, and perfect their accompt thereof to the High-Sheriffe, or such other as Your Majesty shall appoynt; In whose  
power

*power it shall alwayes be to detaine in His hands  
 so much mony as shall satisfy the Country for the  
 surpluse of those monyes disbursed by them, ei-  
 ther in Billet or Provisions, which they can make  
 appeare by Tickets to be more then their Contri-  
 bution and Loane amounts unto. And that the  
 Sheriffe, or such other as Your Majesty shall ap-  
 poynt, may pay the residue of the said Loane-  
 mony to such Commanders or Officers of Your  
 Majesties Army, for Your Majesties service,  
 as Your Majesty shall please to assigne for that  
 purpose.*

**And your Petitioners shall dayly pray, &c.**



*His Majesties Answer to the  
foresaid Petition.*



EE, having received ample testimony of the Loyalty and good Affection of the Inhabitants of this Our County of *Oxford*, and willing to give them all the ease and satisfaction they can desire, for the better enabling them to make good the weekly Loane agreed upon betweene Us, and the said County, for the maintenance of part of Our Army, are graciously pleased to declare, That according to their desires expressed in this Petition, We doe approve of and appoint Our trusty & well-beloved Sir *Thomas Chamberlaine* *Baronet*, high Sheriffe of that Our County, to be Receiver-Generall of the said Loane, and to doe and execute all such Acts, both for the ease of the Inhabitants of Our said County, and for the full performance of the Agreement, as is desired in the said Petition.

tion. And to the end it may appeare what, and how many Troopes are quartered within Our said County, the Quarter-master-Generall of the Horse is hereby required to give a speedy accompt to the Lords, and other Our Commissioners, how many and whose Troopes of Horse are therein quartered, That if it shall appeare there are more then twenty eight Troopes, speedy order may be taken for their removall, and likewise for satisfying the Country for such time as they have been Billeted therein, so soon as the Country have made good, and paid in all the Contribution and Loane now behind and unpaid.

*Given under Our Sign Manuall at Our Court  
at OXFORD, this sixteenth of  
FEBRUARY. 1642.*

*FINIS.*



